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A
DECLARATION
AND
RESOLUTION
OF THE
Lords and Commons
IN
PARLIAMENT

CONCERNING

His Majesties late Proclamation for the suppressing of the present Rebellion under the Command of ROBERT Earl of Essex; And the gracious offer of His Majesties free Pardon to him, and all such of his Adherents, as shall within six dayes after the date thereof lay downe their Arms.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

AUGUST 24. 1642.

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A DECLARATION and Resolution of the Lords and Commons in Parliament,



He Lords and Commons having received in a Letter from His Majestie a printed paper, intituled, *A Proclamation for the suppressing of the present Rebellion, under the Command of Robert Earl of Essex, & the gracions offer of His Majesties free pardon to him, and all such of his adherents, as shall within six dayes after the date thereof lay down their Arms*; Do publish and declare, That the matter of this Libellous and Scandalous paper, is the venome of those Trayterous Councillors about His Majestie long since discovered, and so often complained of by both Houses of Parliament, who having for many yeers together carryed on a wicked Designe, to alter Religion, and to introduce Popery, Superstition, and Ignorance, (the ready way to an Arbitrary and Ty-

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rannicall Government) and for that purpose not only maintained Agents at *Rome*, but invited and procured sundry Nuncio's or Agents to be sent into this Kingdom from the Pope, by which means Popery and Superstition was so far advanced, That nothing but the convening of this Parliament (occasioned by the coming of the *Scots*) could in all humane reason have prevented them in their Designe, the only true reason, why these mischievous Councillors maligning that power which opposes it selfe against their destructive and horrid Councells, have now at last as the Master-piece of all their Machinations, advised His Majestie in effect, to proclaime at once His House of Peers, the Hereditary Councillors of the Kingdome, and His House of Commons the representative body of the whole Commons of the Kingdome, to be all Rebels and Traitors: And by that paper have endeavoured so far to blind the eyes of the people, as to make them guilty of their own destruction, by helping to subdue and destroy the Parliament (the onely means under God to preserve their Religion, Law, and Liberties) and to perswade the Kingdome, that His Majesty by the assistance of Papists, and Persons Popishly affected, will maintain the Protestant Religion, That by the helpe of men Utlawed and of desperate fortunes, will maintaine the Laws of the Land, and with fugitives from Parliament. And Traitors and Delinquents to the Parliament, will preserve the Priviledges thereof, an attempt so desperate and so transcendently wicked,

ked; That the Lords and Commons do unanimously publish and Declare, That all they who have advised, contrived, abetted, or countenanced, or hereafter shall abett and countenance the said Proclamation, to be Traitors & Enemies to God, the King, & Kingdom, and to be guilty of the highest degree of Treason that can be committed against the King and Kingdom, and that they will by the assistance of Almighty God, and of all honest English Protestants, & lovers of their Countrie, do their best endeavours (even to the utmost hazard of their Lives and Fortunes) to bring all such unparalel'd Traytors to a speedy and exemplary punishment: And whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament did formerly chuse the Earl of *Essex* to be Captain Generall of such forces, as are or shall be raised for the maintenance and preservation of the true Protestant Religion, the Kings Person, the Laws of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdome, the Libertie and Propertie of the Subject, and the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament; The said Lords and Commons do now Declare, That they will maintain and assist him, and adhere unto him the said Earle with their lives and estates, in the same cause, as in conscience and duty to God, the King, and their Country, they are bound to do.

And lastly, the Lords and Commons do further Declare, That notwithstanding those wicked counsell which inclined His Majestie to make War against our Brethren of *Scotland*, and by prayers and
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Proclamations read in Churches to pronounce them Rebels and Traytors; That withheld His Majestie from setting forth any Proclamation against those bloody and barbarous Rebels in *Ireland* till January last, although the Rebellion brake forth the 23 of October before; and notwithstanding the importunity of both Houses of Parliament, that a Declaration might issue to that purpose, have now advised, and prevailed with His Majestie by this Proclamation, to invite His Subjects to destroy His Parliament, and good people, by a civil War, and by that means to bring ruine, confusion, and perpetuall slavery upon the surviving part of a then wretched Kingdom: Yet the Lords and Commons, to witnesse their constant and unshaken loyalty and affection to His Majestie, Do solemnly Declare, That if His Majestie shall immediatly disband all His forces, and be pleased to abandon those wicked Councillors, and leave them to condigne punishment, and return and hearken to the wholesome advice of His great Councell, they will really endeavour to make both His Majestie and His Posterity, as great, rich, and potent, as much beloved at home, and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever swayed this Scepter; Which is their firm and constant Resolution.

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